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HERE IS THE TEXT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE  
HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, 21 MAY, 11:00 A.M.

PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE IN  
GENEVA, 21 MAY 1977

GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

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WE COMPLETED OUR TALKS YESTERDAY AS YOU KNOW WITH THE SOVIET  
UNION, AND I BELIEVE YOU PROBABLY ALL NOW HAVE A COPY OF THE JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE HAVE ISSUED TODAY. LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS  
ABOUT SALT AND THEN A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THEN  
WE WILL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS. ON THE SALT ISSUE, IN OUR JUDG-  
MENT THE TALKS HAVE BEEN BOTH NECESSARY, USEFUL AND ALSO CON-  
STRUCTIVE. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. WE HAVE REACHED GENERAL  
AGREEMENT ON A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR THE SALT II AGREEMENT. THIS  
CONSISTS OF THREE ELEMENTS. FIRST A TREATY, SECOND A PROTOCOL  
TO THE TREATY AND THIRD A STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH

WOULD GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF SALT III. ALL OF THESE PARTS ARE INTERDEPENDENT, AND I WANT TO MAKE THAT POINT VERY STRONGLY. THIS IS AN INTERDEPENDENT WHOLE MADE UP OF THESE DIFFERENT PARTS. THE TREATY WOULD RUN UNTIL 1985, THE PROTOCOL WOULD BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, AND THE STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WOULD BE, AS I SAID, A STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD GOVERN

THE CONDUCT OF SALT III. THIS FRAMEWORK PROVIDES A METHOD OF BLENDING THE THREE PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN ON THE TABLE SINCE OUR DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW. DIFFERENCES REMAIN, SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SIDES ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THEY BREAK DOWN INTO SEVERAL CATEGORIES. ONE CATEGORY IS WHETHER CERTAIN ITEMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TREATY OR IN THE PROTOCOL. ANOTHER SET OF ITEMS RAISES QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED AT ALL IN EITHER THE PROTOCOL OR THE TREATY. AND THE THIRD SET ARE THE PRECISE NATURE OF ALL OF THE ITEMS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

A WORD ON THE MIDDLE EAST, IN REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WE BOTH HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND OTHERS. WE EXCHANGED OUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THESE VISITS WHICH WE HAVE HAD. WE AGREED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DIRECT OUR EFFORTS JOINTLY TOWARDS RECONVENING A GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE FALL OF THIS YEAR, AND WE WILL WORK TO THAT END. TO HELP US IN THIS PROCESS WE HAVE AGREED TO SET UP MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WHERE WE CAN KEEP EACH

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OTHER INFORMED AS WE CONTINUED OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTIES. NOW WE WILL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS. YES, MR. KALB.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID THAT WE REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR A SALT TREATY. THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT STATE THAT. THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMUNIQUE FALLS SHORT OF STATING THAT YOU HAVE REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT. WHY IS THAT?

A. WHEN I SAY GENERAL AGREEMENT WHAT I MEAN IS THAT WE HAVE FROM THE FORM OF IT, NAMELY TREATY, PROTOCOL AND A STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES, WE HAVE AGREEMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE AGREEMENT THAT COMES WITHIN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS AS I HAVE INDICATED TO YOU. WE HAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THAT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WHAT HAPPENS NOW? WHO WILL DO THE NEGOTIATING AND WHEN, DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE THESE THREE COMPONENT PARTS BY OCTOBER?

A. WE ARE GOING TO TALK AT THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS. SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HAD BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS HERE IN GENEVA. SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE PROBABLY HAD AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVELS WITHIN THE TWO CAPITALS BETWEEN THE LOCAL AMBASSADOR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND MR. GROMYKO AND I WILL BE MEETING AGAIN AT A TIME TO BE SET IN THE FUTURE. WE BOTH HAVE TO CHECK OUR

CALENDARS TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR US TO MEET AGAIN, AND WE HAVE AGREED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER AS SOON AS WE HAVE DONE THAT ONCE WE'VE GOTTEN HOME.

Q. AND THE SECOND PART OF THAT QUESTION: DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE IT BY OCTOBER?

A. I REALLY DON'T KNOW. THIS IS A LONG PROCESS AS I'VE SAID MANY MANY TIMES. IT'S ONE WHICH REQUIRES PATIENCE. WE ARE GOING TO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO CARRYING THROUGH ON A CONTINUING BASIS ON THIS, BUT I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS AS TO WHEN WE'LL REACH AGREEMENT.

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Q. MR. SECRETARY, WOULD YOU ELABORATE HOW THE PROTOCOL WOULD OPERATE AS DISTINCT FROM THE TREATY ITSELF.

A. YES, THE PROTOCOL WOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE YEARS WHEREAS THE TREATY WOULD RUN UNTIL 1985.

Q. EXCUSE ME, THREE YEARS STARTING WHEN?

A. STARTING WITH THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY AND THE PROTOCOL. IT WOULD RUN FOR THREE YEARS, AND THEREFORE WOULD EXPIRE ASSUMING THAT ONE COULD BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE WELL IN ADVANCE OF 1985.

1. WHY WAS THIS COURSE TAKEN? CAN YOU...

A. BECAUSE IT HELPS PROVIDE A BLENDING OF THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ON THE BLENDING, IS IT FAIR TO SAY, SINCE YOU ARE USING THE WORD BLENDING, THAT THE SOVIETS ACCEPT PRESIDENT CARTER'S DEEP CUTS PROPOSAL AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SALT AGREEMENT?

A. CERTAINLY ONE OF THE, LET ME SAY THAT SALT II AND SALT III IN OUR JUDGMENT ARE A CONTINUUM, AND IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SET UP THE PROCESS SO THAT THIS CONTINUUM CAN TAKE PLACE. THEREFORE, ONE OF THE PORTIONS OF THIS FRAMEWORK IS TO PROVIDE THE LONG TERM GOALS WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF IN SALT III AND WHICH, INsofar AS WE ARE CONCERNED, INVOLVE THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS OUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES. THEY WILL WANT TO REFLECT ON THAT AND I'M SURE GIVE SOME VIEWS OF THEIR OWN AS TO WHAT ITEMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SUCH A STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES, AND THAT WILL BE PART OF THE ON-GOING TALKS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

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A. YES

Q. IS THERE AN AGREEMENT ON WHAT YOU WILL DO IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A NEW TREATY BY THE TIME THE CURRENT TREATY EXPIRES?

A. NO, WE DID NOT DISCUSS THAT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

A. YES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ON SOME DETAIL QUESTIONS, FIRST OF ALL, IS THERE AN AGREEMENT THAT THE TREATY WOULD BE AT 2400 OR IS THERE A DIFFERENT NUMBER BEING TALKED ABOUT?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS PIECES THAT WOULD FIT WITHIN THESE THREE ELEMENTS. I HAVE SAID BEFORE THAT THESE ARE AN INTERDEPENDENT WHOLE, WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR PIECE GOES IN DEPENDS IN A NUMBER OF CASES ON WHETHER ANOTHER PIECE FITS IN. I THINK IT WOULD BE NOT USEFUL, INDEED, I THINK IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME TO TRY AND DEAL WITH INDIVIDUAL PIECES BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED IN THIS ON-GOING PROCESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTOCOL? DOES IT BEGIN AROUND THE CRUISE MISSILE QUESTION? IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR ON WHY YOU WOULD HAVE A THREE YEAR PROTOCOL.

A. THERE ARE SOME ITEMS WHICH IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE PARTIES FIT NOT IN AN AGREEMENT WHICH IS AS LONG AS 1985, AND THEREFORE THERE SHOULD BE A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE ITEMS.

A. YES.

Q. WHAT KIND OF ITEMS ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?  
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A. I HAVE INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THESE, I AM NOT GOING TO SPELL OUT WHAT ITEMS GO IN WHAT PARTICULAR PARTS OF THE PACKAGE.

Q. IS IT ALL AGREED WHICH ITEMS YOU ARE GOING TO . . .

A. WE HAVE AGREED ON SOME; WE HAVE NOT AGREED ON OTHERS.

Q. IS THERE A DEFINITE LIST OF THE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS?

A. EXCUSE ME?

Q. IS THERE A DEFINITE LIST OF THE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS?

A. WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE AVAILABLE A LIST OF THAT.

Q. DOES IT EXIST?

A. YES, WE EACH UNDERSTAND WHAT THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES ARE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, HAVE YOU DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. BREZHNEV?

A. WE DID NOT DISCUSS IT THIS TIME. NO.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, HAS ANY OF WHAT ONE COULD CALL THE PROMISE OF THE BEECHER INTERVIEW BEEN EVIDENT DURING YOUR TALKS?

A. SOME OF THE MATTERS THAT WERE SUGGESTED IN THE BEECHER INTERVIEW WERE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN OUR TALKS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, IS THE UNITED STATES PREPARED TO ACCEPT RESTRICTIONS ON THE CRUISE MISSILE NOW IN ANY OTHER FRAMEWORK THAN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE SOVIETS IN MOSCOW LAST MARCH?  
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A. AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE DETAIL OF WHERE INDIVIDUAL PIECES ARE GOING TO FIT IN THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK, AND FOR THE REASONS THAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU, BECAUSE OF THIS INTERDEPENDENCE, AND THEREFORE I THINK IT'S -- I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, IF THERE IS NO TREATY IS THERE ALSO NO PROTOCOL?

A. THAT'S CORRECT. ALL THE PARTS ARE INTERDEPENDENT: TREATY, PROTOCOL, STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE THIS FRAMEWORK IN SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING OF NOVEMBER '74.

A. AS THE COMMUNIQUE INDICATES, THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS ARE PART OF THIS GENERAL FRAMEWORK. I WOULD POINT OUT TO YOU THAT INsofar AS THE U.S. POSITION IS CONCERNED, WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS WERE AN APPROPRIATE PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS. OUR DEFERRAL PROPOSAL RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF IT WERE CERTAINLY INCLUDED ALSO IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL AS WELL, SO THAT IS NOTHING NEW.

Q. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE VALADIOSTOK ACCORDS ARE YOU TALKING SOLELY ABOUT 1974 OR ARE YOU INCLUDING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DISCUSSION IN 1976?

A. THE '76 DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. WHEN I USE THE WORD VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS

I USE IT WITH A MORE RESTRICTED MEANING THAN I THINK YOU ARE SUGGESTING.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF TALK BEFORE THESE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE HERE OF COOLING, OF FREEZING, AND DEADLOCK OF U.S./SOVIET RELATIONS. DO YOU FEEL THAT WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED HERE HAS SET THESE TWO NATIONS ON A NEW COURSE AT ALL?  
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A. WELL I SAID YESTERDAY THAT I THOUGH THESE HAD BEEN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS, AND I BELIEVE THE SOVIETS WOULD SHARE THAT VIEW, AND I THINK THE ATMOSPHERE IS BETTER AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU GIVE THE CONTINUATION OF THESE TALKS A GOOD PROSPECT OF SUCCESS IN THIS YEAR?

A. ON DATES, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE BECAUSE I THINK IT IS RATHER FRUITLESS TO SPECULATE. THERE ARE SERIOUS ISSUES THAT REMAIN BETWEEN US AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION BEFORE ONE CAN SEE WHETHER OR NOT THESE ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED.

Q. IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME . . .

A. WAIT, THIS GENTLEMAN HAD HIS HAND UP FIRST.

Q. IN FACE OF WHAT YOU NEGOTIATED SO FAR, MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU EXCLUDE A VIEW THAT ENVISIONS A SUMMIT CONFERENCE THIS YEAR?

A. I DON'T EXCLUDE IT.

A. YES, MR. VALERIANI.

Q. IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME, MR. SECRETARY, THAT CRUISE MISSILE IS ONE OF THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES?

A. (LAUGHTER) I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.  
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A. YES.

Q MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU HANG TOUGH IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS?  
(INAUDIBLE)...ASSUMED WE WOULD?

A. (LAUGHS) I DON'T WANT TO CHARACTERIZE HOW EITHER I OR MR. GROMYKO ACTED DURING THE TALKS. I WANT TO SAY THAT THEY WERE BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND I THINK THAT DESCRIBES IT SATISFACTORILY.

Q. WAS THIS THREE TIER FRAMEWORK FUNDAMENTALLY AN AMERICAN IDEA OR A SOVIET IDEA OR (INAUDIBLE)?

A. AS I HAVE INDICATED TO YOU EARLIER WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A CONTINUUM, NAMELY A CONTINUUM BETWEEN SALT II AND SALT III, AND AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IT DEVELOPED OUT OF THAT PROCESS AND WITH THAT BACKGROUND.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW, MR. GROMYKO SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF FORWARD BASING OF MISSILES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, IS THAT ISSUE STILL ON THE TABLE?

A. IT WAS ONE OF THE ONES THAT WAS RAISED DURING OUR TALKS HERE, YES.

Q. HAS IT BEEN RESOLVED?

A. AGAIN I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC ITEMS AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE OR HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

A. YES.

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Q. WHEN YOU ARRIVED HERE WAS THIS FRAMEWORK WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND? ARE YOU LEAVING HERE WITH WHAT YOU WANTED TO LEAVE WITH?

A. LET ME SAY THAT SUCH A FRAMEWORK WAS IN MIND WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE.

Q. AND YOU EXPECTED NOTHING MORE THAN THAT?

A. I AM PLEASED THAT THIS FRAMEWORK WAS BASICALLY AGREED UPON. YES?

Q. MR. SECRETARY, ONE QUESTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A CONTENTIOUS AREA BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES, OVER THE PAST, WHAT IS THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS NOW BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS ON THE (INAUDIBLE)?

A. SINCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE, WE HAVE FELT THAT BOTH WE AND THE SOVIET UNION AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO TRY AND FIND A JUST AND DURABLE

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE KEPT EACH OTHER GENERALLY INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD WE HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE AS TO THE NATURE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO WHOM WE HAVE TALKED, AND TO THAT END HAVE COOPERATED IN TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD THE PEACE PROCESS. THIS WAS BUT ANOTHER STEP IN THAT CONTINUING PROCESS. WE AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT NOW TO TRY AND SEE IF WE COULDN'T MOVE FORWARD TO A MEETING IN THE FALL AND THEREFORE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INTENSIFY OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH EACH OTHER TO SEE WHETHER WE COULD BRING ABOUT SUCH A PROCESS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

A. WAIT, LET ME GIVE SOMEBODY THERE A CHANCE.

Q. A QUESTION OF FORWARD BASING, MR. SECRETARY, (INAUDIBLE) COMPLETELY NEW DIMENSION WAS BEING ADDED TO THESE TALKS BY THE RUSSIANS?  
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A. NO, THEY RAISED THAT QUESTION IN MOSCOW AS WELL.

A. YES, MR. GWERTZMAN.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, I DON'T WANT TO SOUND OVERLY NEGATIVE OR ANYTHING . . . .

A. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

Q. WITHOUT THE DETAILS, WE'RE THINKING YOU'RE SAYING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE FRAMEWORK; IS THERE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE REAL DISPUTE OR IS IT JUST ANOTHER JIGGLING AROUND OF THE SAME DISAGREEMENT? IN OTHER WORDS, HAVE YOU ACTUALLY REMOVED SOME OF THE BASIC DISAGREEMENTS FROM THE TABLE OR ARE YOU JUST WORKING OUT ANOTHER FRAMEWORK BUT THE SAME BASIC PROBLEMS STILL EXIST?

A. I WOULD SAY TWO THINGS: A. I THINK THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS RESOLVING SOME OF THE ISSUES. BUT I WOULD SAY SECONDLY THAT SERIOUS DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN US WHICH ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AND WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY.

A. YES.

Q. FROM WHAT YOU HAVE SAID, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME FROM THE SOVIETS TO TALK ABOUT DEEP CUTS. IS THAT CORRECT?

A. I WOULD PUT IT THIS WAY, THAT IF WE ACHIEVE THE TOTAL PACKAGE WHICH I HAVE TALKED ABOUT, IN OTHER WORDS, THE TOTAL FRAMEWORK, THEN THERE WOULD BE SUCH A COMMITMENT IN THE OVERALL RESULT.



Q. BUT IS THERE SUCH A COMMITMENT (INAUDIBLE)?  
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A. THAT IS STILL A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION.

Q. DID YOU FIND THAT MR. GROMYKO SHARES THE U.S. ASSESSMENT OF  
THE IMPACT OF THE ISRAELI ELECTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. WELL, I THINK BOTH OF US ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. IT  
IS STILL UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT THE RESULTS ARE GOING TO BE. IT RE-  
MAINS TO BE SEEN WHEN A GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, WHAT THE NATURE OF  
THAT GOVERNMENT WILL BE. IT WILL DEPEND UPON THE STATEMENTS OF  
THAT GOVERNMENT WHEN IT IS FORMED. AND WE WILL NOT KNOW THAT  
UNTIL WE VISIT WITH THE NEW PRIME MINISTER WHENEVER THE GOVERNMENT  
IS GORMED.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID JUST NOW IF WE ACHIEVE A TOTAL PACKAGE  
IN GENEVA, THE AGREEMENT FOR A THREE TIER THING YOU SPEAK OF, IN  
THAT CASE THE FRAMEWORK IS STILL QUITE TENTATIVE, IS THAT NOT SO?

A. THE FRAMEWORK IS CLEAR AS TO THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS IN IT. THERE  
IS STILL DISPUTED A NUMBER OF THEM AS I INDICATED RIGHT AT THE  
OUTSET.

Q. IS THAT WHY THE THREE PIECES OF THE FRAMEWORK ARE NOT MENTIONED  
IN THE COMMUNIQUE?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK THAT THAT WAS THE REASON FOR IT. WE JUST  
DESCRIBED IT IN A SHORTHAND WAY. WE ARE AGREED ON THE NATURE OF  
THE FRAMEWORK THREE PIECES, AND THE THREE PIECES ARE AS I  
DESCRIBED THEM

Q. BUT THE IMPRESSION, TO ME AT LEAST, IS WITHOUT PUTTING IT  
INTO THE COMMUNIQUE IT IS MORE TENTATIVE THAN PERHAPS YOU ARE  
CONVEYING TO US.

A. I THINK NOT. ALL I AM SAYING IS THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL  
DIFFERENCE AS TO WHAT PIECES FIT UNDER WHAT PART AND EXACTLY  
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WHAT ITEMS WILL BE INCLUDED UNDER EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY (INAUDIBLE) TO THE SOVIET DEMAND FOR LIMITATION  
OF SPREAD OF CRUISE TECHNOLOGY TO THE NATO ALLIES?

A. OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS IS WELL  
KNOWN. WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE ARE NOT AN APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOR  
DISCUSSION IN THIS BILATERAL FORUM, THAT THAT IS A QUESTION FOR  
DISCUSSION IN THE MULTILATERAL FORUM. OUR POSITION ON THAT IS

WELL KNOWN AND HAS BEEN FOR A LONG TIME.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU DISCUSS ON-SITE INSPECTION?

A. NOT AS SUCH. WE DECIDED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF VERIFICATION.

Q. WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILS, I WONDER IF YOU COULD GIVE US A LITTLE MORE HELP ON THE CONCEPT OF THE PROTOCOL AND WHAT IT IS MEANT TO DO. ONE WOULD SPECULATE VERY RAPIDLY THAT YOU CAN PUT CONSTRAINTS ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF CRUISE AND BACKFIRE IN THE PROTOCOL FOR THREE YEARS AND THEN BARGAIN IN THE MEANTIME. IS THAT THE GENERA IDEA, OR . . .

A. THOSE KIND OF ITEMS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL.

Q. WILL THE SALT II AGREEMENT BE BASED ON THE FIGURES OF VLADI-VOSTOK AND THE REDUCTIONS ONLY ENVISIONED IN THE NEXT STAGE (IN-AUDIBLE). WILL IT BE AT THIS 2400 CEILING AND ONLY IN SALT III YOU WILL COME TO REDUCTIONS?

A. THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THERE MAY BE REDUCTIONS PRIOR TO SALT III. AND THAT'S AS FAR AS I WANT TO GO ON THAT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT PROGRESS MADE ON THE SO-CALLED SECONDARY ISSUES (INAUDIBLE).

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A. YES, THE DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON HERE IN GENEVA BETWEEN MR. WARNKE'S DELEGATION AND THE SOVIET DELEGATION ON THOSE. THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE JUST STARTED A SHORT WHILE AGO. I CAN'T SAY THAT ANY MAJOR PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE YET, BUT THE DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY AND PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT MAY ACT AS A STIMULUS TO FURTHER ACTIVITY IN THE SECONDARY ISSUES.

VOICE. THANK YOU.

A. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
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